

**Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2013**

In Attendance:

Dave Colteryahn, chair
Greg LoBuono, vice-chair
Veronica Craig, recording secretary
Becky Montag
Mitch Rhodus
Chuck Ullrich
Ben Strickler, Parks and Recreation Representative
Bob Schappacher, Parks and Recreation Representative

Absent: Brian DeRoo, Boyd Miller, Mike Lane and Bob Breen

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by chairperson Dave Colteryahn.

Minutes: The minutes for the January meeting were approved with one change: Dave recommended changing the word “thrive” (2nd paragraph under “Memorial Grove Design”) to “survive.”

Standing Business

Correspondence/Articles: Chuck shared an *Enquirer* article “Little Bug, Big Problem” about the progression of the EAB in our region. EC members decided that this article will be an excellent one to share with residents at the upcoming Home Expo.

EC Activity Hours: Dave/2, Greg/2, Becky/1, Chuck/1, Veronica/2.

Adopt-a-Roadway: Greg drove down Muskopf, and it was still litter-free after his clean-up last month. Dave and Brian are scheduled to do the February/March clean-up.

Parks Board Report

Ben reported for Bob that there was not a quorum for last month’s meeting. At the next meeting, members plan to discuss moving their meeting date from the 2nd to the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Parks Department Report

Website Update: Ben included stats for last month in the meeting packet.

Ash Grant Update: The stumps have been ground. A nursery north of Dayton, A. Brown, won the bid and will plant 33 trees. The following four species have been selected: Winter King Hawthorn, Pacific Sunset Maple, and Chinkapin Oak. Planting should begin later this month.

Seedling Giveaway: Ben ordered 300 seedlings from the Butler County Soil and Water District to be given away to residents at the upcoming Home Expo. This year the EC chose redbuds and red oaks for their annual giveaway, which is part of the EC’s celebration of Arbor Day.

Huffman Park Event: Ben announced a community event to be held at the recently dedicated Huffman Park on Saturday, April 20, 2013 from 10 am to 2 pm. Many activities are planned, with an emphasis on Earth Day. Butler County Bee Keepers will be there, as will Rumpke with

information about the new recycling containers and the Garden Club, which will promote the upcoming community garden project. There will be crafts and activities for the children.

EC members all expressed a desire to participate. They will be sponsoring a tree planting at the event, in honor of Arbor Day. Details will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Calendar:

Parks Board Meeting – February 12, 2013 at 5:30 pm, CAC

EC Meeting –March 6, 2013 at 6:00 pm, CAC

Fairfield Home Improvement Expo – Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 9 am to 3 pm CAC

Tree City USA Awards Luncheon – Friday, April 19th, 2013 in Greenhills

Huffman Park Earth Day Event – April 20, 2013 from 10 am to 2 pm, Huffman Park

Village Green Fine Art Fair – Saturday, June 22, 2013

Adjournment: at 6:32 pm.